

Amendment to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9, within the Abstract in the Specification with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- A plate-type heat exchanger ~~comprising~~ comprises: a number of stacked dividing plates (11) of roughly uniform thickness (e), ~~between them defining at least one passage (33), and at least one fin (35) arranged in the said at least one passage (33).~~ The minimum thickness (e) of the ~~said~~ fin is 0.8 times greater than ~~0.8 times~~ the thickness (e) of each of the dividing plates plate(s) (1) ~~defining the said passage (33).~~

~~Application to vaporizers and exchange lines in air separation plants.~~

~~—FIGURE 1. —~~